GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3725
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HIKE IN PASSPORT FEE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passport fee has been increased three fold since April 1, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, sir. The Government has announced an increase in the passport fee with effect from 1st April, 2002.

(b) The details of the new passport fee schedule are as at Annexure-I.

(c) The passport fee was last revised in July 1993. The rising cost of issue of passports, the present and projected cost of modernisation of offices, computerisation of processes, construction and renting of new and modern office premises and for reimbursing the cost to the State Governments for accepting and scrutinising passport applications as well as the cost involved in police verification are the primary reasons for the increase in passport fee.

ANNEXURE I

Passport Fee Schedule with effect from April 1, 2002

S.NO	Category	Fee in Indian Rupees
1.	Ordinary passport(fresh or in lieu of an expired passport) of 36 pages.	1000.00
2.	Jumbo passport (fresh or in lieu of an expired passport) of 60 pages.	1500.00
3.	India-Bangladesh and India-Sri Lanka passport	500.00
4.	Observations/Endorsements in the passport e.g. change in address, ECNR endorsement, name of spouse etc.	300.00
5.	Miscellaneous service requiring issue of a new passport booklet of 36 pages	500.00
6.	Miscellaneous service requiring issue of a new passport booklet of 60 pages.	700.00
7.	Ordinary passport booklet containing 36 pages with a maximum validity of five years for minor children below the age of 18 years.	600.00

8. Duplicate passport of 36 pages in lieu of lost, damaged or stolen passport.	2500.00
9. Duplicate India-Bangladesh or India-Sri Lanka passport in lieu of lost, damaged or stolen passport.	1000.00